



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday, November 1, 2020, 8:30 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School
Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Explanation of the Week: *The church has observed the Feast of All Saints since the mid 300s AD. On this specially appointed day, the church recalls the memory of all the faithful departed and the triumph of Christ over all false gods. Though we recall the saints who have departed from the troubles of this life— a life of difficulty and hardship described by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:1-12)— it is not a day of sorrow or sadness, but rather a day of joy and celebration. We celebrate the fact that those who have departed in the faith are living and even now communing with us around the throne of the Lamb. Though we may mourn and miss those who have departed, we rejoice in knowing that they are enjoying the feast of Heaven (Is 25:6-9) and that we will join them there; for we, too, are saints because of the salvation shared with us through the work of the Lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ (Rev 7:10).*

Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41). This order of service, known as the “Bugenhagen Order,” grew out of the Lutheran Reformation. It was provided for use in the churches of Denmark and Norway in 1537 by Johannes Bugenhagen, Martin Luther’s pastor. Minor revisions were made to this service in 1685 and 1889 before it was translated into English for **The Lutheran Hymnary** (1913). The service printed here comes directly from the **Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary** (1996).



I. The Service of Preparation

(We prepare ourselves for worshiping God by acknowledging our unworthiness to stand before Him, and by receiving His forgiveness through absolution (forgiveness). We respond with thanks and joy.)

~Prelude — Preservice music & opportunity for prayer

*(See “Prayers for Worship”
—ELH p. 40)*

~Opening Prayer

(ELH p. 41)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ’s sake. Amen.

~Hymn 554, vv. 1, 2, 4 For All the Saints

*1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might,
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear; their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*4. O blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

~**Confession of Sin** — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

(ELH p. 41, 1)

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~**Kyrie Eleison** – *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

(ELH p. 42)

C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

~**Absolution** — *God’s declaration of forgiveness*

(ELH p. 43, II; Matt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Collect** — *The congregation’s prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 45; p. 165 #138)

P: O almighty and everlasting God, through Your only-begotten and beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You will sanctify all Your elect and beloved: Give us grace to follow their faith, hope, and love, that we together with all Your saints may obtain eternal life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Senior Choir “*These Are They Which Follow The Lamb*”

(John Goss & ELH 590)

*O happy day when we shall stand
Amid the heav'nly throng,
And sing with hosts from ev'ry land
The new celestial song,
The new celestial song.*

*O blessed day! From far and near
The servants of the Lord
Shall meet the ransomed millions there
Who heard God's saving Word,
Who heard God's saving Word.*

*These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth,
These were redeemed from among men,
being the firstfruits unto God, and to the Lamb.
And in their mouth was found no guile,
For they are without fault before the throne of God.*

*God, may Thy bounteous grace inspire
Our hearts so that we may
All join the heav'nly, white-robed choir
Upon that glorious day,
Upon that glorious day.*

II. The Service of the Word



(After receiving the forgiveness of sins, we thanked God by singing His praises and praying to Him. He now increases our faith through His holy Word which we hear through the Lessons and especially through the Sermon where God's Word is applied to our lives today.)

~Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9 On this mountain
the Lord of Armies will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food,
a banquet of aged wines,
with the best cuts of meat,
and with the finest wines.

On this mountain
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples,
the burial cloth stretched over all nations.
He has swallowed up death forever!
The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face.
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth.
For the Lord has spoken.
On that day it will be said,
“Look, here is our God!
We waited for him, and he saved us!
This is the Lord!
We waited for him.
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”

~Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
because they will be comforted.
Blessed are the gentle,
because they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
because they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
because they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
because they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
because they will be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come.

♫ **Amen.**

~**Chief Hymn 553, v. 1** *Behold a Host, Arrayed in White*

*1. Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright;
With palms they stand. Who is this band
Before the throne of light?
Lo, these are they, of glorious fame,
Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood of Jesus' blood
Are cleansed from guilt and blame.
Now gathered in the holy place,
Their voices they in worship raise;
Their anthems swell where God doth dwell
Mid angels' songs of praise.*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

Revelation 7:7-19 After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. They called out with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?"

And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple.

He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.

The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.

He will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

~Sermon Message

"Who Are These?...The Saints!"

~Hymn 553, v. 3 *Then Hail! Ye Mighty Legions*

*3. Then hail! ye mighty legions, yea,
All hail! now safe and blest for aye;
And praise the Lord, who with His Word
Sustained you on the way.
Ye did the joys of earth distain,
Ye toiled and sowed in tears and pain;
Farewell, now bring your sheaves and sing
Salvation's glad refrain.
Swing high your palms, lift up your song,
Yea, make it myriad voices strong:
Eternally shall praise to Thee,
God, and the Lamb belong.*

~Special Prayers & Petitions

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 49; Mt 6:9-13)

C: ♪ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Prayer

(ELH p. 59)

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

~Benediction — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 59; Num 6:24-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

~Hymn 312, vv. 1, 2 *Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken*

1. *Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead,
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed,
And be Thy feast to us the token
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.*

2. *Father, we thank Thee who hast planted
Thy holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus Thy Son to us imparts.
Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure,
Didst give us food for all our days,
Giving in Christ the bread eternal;
Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.*

The Service of Holy Communion



(Following Christ's command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.)

Questions and prayers to assist in preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal, pp. 38–40.

Guests & Visitors: *We practice "Close" or "Closed Communion". We do this out of love and concern for you. We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm as Scripture warns. We also understand that those who come forward to take communion are professing a unity of faith with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Therefore, we ask those who have not taken Holy Communion with us before to Speak with a pastor before communing. Thank you.*

~Communion Prayer

(ELH p. 40)

P: Most gracious Lord, You bid me to approach Your altar in confidence and hope. "Come, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." O sweet and friendly word in a sinner's ear, that You, Lord God, invite the needy and the poor to the communion of Your Body and Blood! You, the Lord of the Universe, have willed to come to me, a poor and lowly sinner, to live in me. Of Your infinite grace You have made me Your own dwelling place, for Your glory and my eternal salvation! Grant me grace at all times and in all places to give You hearty thanks for this marvelous gift. O Christ, Lamb of God, grant me Your eternal peace! Amen.

~Collect of Thanksgiving

(ELH p. 83, II)

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup;

C: ♪ We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You give us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Words of Institution

(ELH p. 78; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

~Agnus Dei — "Lamb of God"

(ELH p. 79ff; Jn 1:29)

C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

~Distribution

*(Communicants come forward at the direction of the ushers.
After receiving the Lord's Supper you may exit the Sanctuary.)*

~Hymn 310 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1. *At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierc-ed side.
Alleluia!*

2. *Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest,
Alleluia!*

3. *Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!*

4. *Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!*

5. *Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!*

6. *Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!*

7. *Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!*

8. *Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!*

~Postlude — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another* (See "Prayers for Worship"
—ELH p. 40)

*Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organist: 1st Service: Cassie Johnson
Organist: 2nd Service: Mark DeGarmeaux
Monday Service: Kristin Matzke
Special Music: Senior Choir
Choir Director: Elisabeth Urtel*

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

Sunday: 8:30am, 150; 10:45am, 93;

Monday: 24

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: 1st Service: Deb Johnson, Mark & Vivian Smith;

2nd Service: Lois Johnson, Keith Anderson

Offering Counters: Seth Ferkenstad, Joe Meyer

Altar Guild: Carol Petersen, Sherri Bukowski

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$20,672.92 (includes text & on-line giving)

Fiscal Year To Date Deficit (as of 9/30/20): \$20,802.64

Philippians 4:19-20 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Catch Mt. Olive Worship Services Online at www.mtolivelutheran.org

OR

TV on local cable channels 181 (Spectrum) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.

To give your offering online, go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link "DONATE ONLINE".

Or TEXT 833-726-3742 along with the amount you wish to donate. Or Mail your offering to the church office.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: November 1, 2020 – November 8, 2020

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| Sunday, November 1 | 8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM | Daylight Savings Time (Turn Back Your Clocks!) All Saint's Day Divine Service with HC SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth Divine Service with HC |
| Mon., Nov. 2 | 6:30PM 7PM 7PM | Divine Service Board of Ed Board of Deacons |
| Tues., Nov. 3 | 6:30PM 7PM | Jesus Cares Ministry M.O.M.s Bible Study (Ulrich Home) |
| Wed, Nov. 4 | 8:05AM 9AM 4PM | CDS Chapel Bible Study Confirmation Classes |
| Thurs., Nov. 5 | 8:30AM 1PM | M.O.M.s Bible Study (Peace) M.O.M.s Bible Study (Mt Olive Social Hall) |
| Fri., Nov. 6 | | |
| Sat, Nov. 7 | 9:15AM-1:30PM | New 2 You Volunteers |
| Sunday, November 8 | 8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 3:30PM | Divine Service SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth Divine Service Youth Group Bonfire @ Faugstad's Home |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Ron & Becky Bequette.

Please remember to use our sign up system for attending the weekly worship services. This helps us make sure we're staying within the safety protocols in place during the pandemic. If you would prefer to call the office for this purpose, do so by **Noon on Fridays**. Thanks!

Sunday School parents, please remember to sign up if you plan to send your child to Sunday School this week, so that the teachers can be prepared. If attending in person is not possible right now, please make use of the digital Sunday School classes available on our church website. Go to "Serving", and then click on "Digital Sunday School" to watch a grade appropriate lesson presentation.

NO M.O.M.s Holiday Pie Bake Sale This Year. Due to Covid, the Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Bible Study group will NOT be having their annual Holiday Pie Sale right before Thanksgiving.

After School Care is looking for any 'Sports Illustrated Kids' magazine. Our current issues are well loved and falling apart. If you have some to share, the kids would appreciate it! Thank you!

Food Drive: Out of gratitude and great love for our Savior we hope you will join us in sharing the abundance we have with those in need. Mt. Olive will be collecting non-perishable food donations for ECHO Food Shelf from **Sunday, November 8 through Sunday, November 22**. Please place your donations in the boxes under the band room window. Then stop in the office for a Mt Olive window sticker for your car (1 per household).

Hebrews 13:16 And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Mt. Olive's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner: Due to the current circumstances, we are NOT planning on hosting a Thanksgiving meal at church this year. However, our Evangelism Committee is working to gather food items to supply Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless youth in the Mankato area. The staff at 'The Reach' shelter has agreed to prepare the food and deliver it to their clients on our behalf. Please look for the sign up sheets in the Narthex. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Hy-Vee Kash4Kids Do you shop at Hy-Vee? Save your receipts from Mankato Hilltop or Riverfront Hy-Vee. Receipts from either location earn cash for Mount Olive. Hy-Vee will donate \$1 to Mount Olive for every \$150 in receipts (dated September 1, 2020 or later) collected. Receipts can be dropped in the collection bin located in the Social Hall. Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits or gas station receipts are not eligible.

Box Tops For Education Box Tops is now making it even easier to earn cash for Mount Olive. Download the Box Tops for Education app on your phone. With just a few clicks, you can link to Mount Olive and scan your grocery receipts. The app automatically records Box Tops purchases from scanned receipts – no more clipping!

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Spirit of MVL Virtual Gala & Auction

The Spirit of MVL Recognition Reception and Gala are combining and going virtual with the fitting theme Together in Spirit. Please join us online on Saturday, November 21, 7-8pm! We'll be honoring the 2020 Spirit of MVL award recipients, John Apitz, Lynn & Dan Hacker, and Fred & Joy Struck; auctioning awesome items; and raising funds for our livestream technology project and the Partnership Fund. Virtual door prizes and the Appeal to the Heart open Thursday, November 19. Registration opens soon! Please contact Kristin Matzke for questions: kmatzke@mvlhs.org or 507-233-8662.

MVL Wreath Sales

The annual Christmas wreath and greenery sales are going digital this year. Visit www.mvlwreaths.givesmart.com to place your order, or call the MVL office at 507-354-6851. Orders must be placed by Sunday, November 15 in order to pick-up at your church before Thanksgiving. Not only will you get to enjoy the scents of Christmas, but you'll also be helping fund the purchase of new hymnals for students to use in chapel!

MVL Veterans Recognition Program

MVL will not be hosting our annual Veterans Recognition Program this November. We certainly thank God for our veterans and active-duty military and the service that they have given for our country. We pray that God would bless and keep you, and we look forward to reconnecting with you next year.

MVLHS Director of Mission Advancement Position Open

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School seeks a WELS or ELS male to serve as Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, for more information at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org.